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**STATE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON  
HERITAGE LANDSCAPE INVENTORY PROGRAM**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a series of public meetings to kick off a survey of heritage landscapes in the DCR parks and forests of south-central Massachusetts, as part of the Heritage Landscape Inventory (HLI) program. A full schedule of meetings is attached.

The HLI program seeks to identify and document those heritage landscapes of Massachusetts that are vital to the history, character and quality of life of our communities. These landscapes contain both natural and cultural resources, and help convey the history and the character of our parks. Examples of heritage landscapes include Civilian Conservation Corps camps, historic recreational areas and designed gardens.

DCR has brought the HLI program to more than 80 communities across the Commonwealth. This success has prompted DCR to launch a pilot application of the HLI process within the Massachusetts state parks system, providing an opportunity for staff, friends groups, nonprofit partners and regular park users to identify those landscapes that make their favorite parks unique and important. Through this project, DCR plans to improve documentation of the many different types of cultural resources found throughout the parks system, in order to help plan for their preservation and to identify potential partnership projects.

All are welcome to attend.

For more information about these meetings, please contact DCR Preservation Planner Jessica Rowcroft at 617-626-1380. Further information about this program can also be found at:  
[www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/histland/histland.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/histland/histland.htm).

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**Location**

Quinsigamond State Park

Douglas State Forest

Wells State Park/Streeter Point Recreation Area

Brimfield State Forest

Spencer State Forest

Blackstone River and Canal Heritage State Park

Upton State Forest

Sutton State Forest,  
Purgatory Chasm State Reservation

Oakham State Forest, Rutland State Park

Moore State Park

North Brookfield State Forest,  
West Brookfield State Forest

Leominster State Forest

**Meeting date and time**Tuesday, April 10, 2007  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Thursday, May 17, 2007

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**Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

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